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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Technical Working Group Report
IB Docket No. 11-109

Ms. Dortch:

I am writing in support of Lightsquared's application before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that has recently come to my attention. As Sheriff of one of the largest counties in the State of New Jersey, which is current contending with costly communications infrastructure improvements, I believe it is essential that we provide companies like LightSquared with the ability to bring new and innovative communications systems to the marketplace. This will create healthy competition that will not only foster innovation, but will decrease the costs of essential communications systems to taxpayers.

LightSquared's network of satellite and ground-based wireless coverage can provide uninterrupted service even during power outages and other emergencies. Accordingly, I believe that the introduction of new technologies, such as LightSquared's proposed network are essential to providing reliable communications infrastructure to law enforcement and first responders.

Many people can remember how normal cellular communications were interrupted during 9/11. Over the last decade, the demands on existing communications networks have grown increasingly strained with the introduction on new heavily utilized digital devices. We simply cannot afford to wait until the next disaster for the introduction of the systems such as those developed by LightSquared.

Obviously, I would not expect the FCC to approve any plans that would jeopardize existing GPS technologies. It, however, appears that the FCC has the ability to rationally address this issue without political interference by those who may be afraid of healthy competition and innovation. LightSquared has demonstrated that it has the ability to address these issues in conjunction with other stakeholders through this process and should, therefore, be permitted to move forward with its plans.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shaun Golden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S".

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